

A bill for cannabis regulation: main norms

The bill aims at regulating the cultivation of cannabis for commercial purposes and the outlets where it can be purchased and consumed (november 2011)

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1. The cultivation for commercial purposes, the purchase, production and sale of Cannabis indica and products derived from it are subject to Authorization.
2. The Government regulated:
 - the conditions for the issue and the revocation of the Authorizations,
 - the number of Authorizations and the related supervision required,
 - the characteristics of the products to be sold at retail,
 - the type of shops authorized for sales and distribution in the country, as well as the public places where the consumption of substances is allowed.
3. The maximum quantity that can be purchased by a single individual is five grams.
4. On the package for retail sale must be specified the level of the active ingredient (THC) present in the drug and the warning that smoking produces negative effects on health.
5. Is prohibited the sale of cannabis indica and derived products to people under sixteen.
6. Cultivation of cannabis indica for personal use and the supply of small quantities for an immediate consumption are not punishable unless the recipient is under sixteen years old
7. It is forbidden to directly or indirectly promote cannabis indica and its derived products (creative and artistic works are not to be considered promotion).

Every year the Prime Minister present to the Parliament a report on the implementation of this law and its effects with particular reference to:

- a) the performance of retail sales of cannabis indica and its derived products in each region with a particular regard to the metropolitan areas;
- b) the age of the customers;
- c) the relation between the cannabis indica and its derived products consumption and the alcoholic beverages and narcotic and psychotropic substances consumption;
- d) the detected health effects related to the cannabis indica and its derived products consumption, and also the results of the educational and preventive campaign promoted by the Government according to the previous laws on narcotic substances ;
- e) about the agreement between the Italian Government and the Countries where the cannabis indica is produced and the influence of these on the economy of that States;
- f) about the eventual persistence of the illegal market of the substance regulated by the present law and its characteristics;

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